

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. John Olver (D-First District) announced today that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has approved the

BESTEA builds upon the successes of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

\$10 Million Coolidge Bridge Improvements

This project encompasses a widening of Route 9 from 1-91 easterly to West Street in Hadley, Massachusetts.

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\$4 Million Norwottuck Bike Trail Connections

The Norwottuck -Manhan Rail Trail Extension project will build a bicycle and pedestrian path through the town of Norwottuck.

Said Rep. Olver, "After the success of the Norwottuck, I'm glad to be able to help expand this project to other areas of the state."

\$2 Million Westfield Great River Bridge Design

The Great River Bridge and Traffic Improvement project includes construction of a new-lane Westfield.

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\$1.6 Million Pleasant St./River Terrace Reconstruction

This project will reconstruct 9000 feet of Pleasant Street in the City of Holyoke from Cabot Street to River Terrace.

"I'm happy to be able to help get this road project moving. This project should help make this road safer for everyone.

The Senate has already passed its version of the highway bill (known as ISTEA II), and the full House is expected to pass it soon.

Congressman Olver serves on the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees the federal highway program.

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